

# The Voice

Algona High School

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## Semester Test Thoughts

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| "Semester tests rock...NOT!!<br>Mrs. Cassens         | "I like going out to lunch with my friends," Sawyer Brandt |
| "I'm too old for them," Brad Hoskins                 | "I have better things to do," Allison Kajewski             |
| "I'm too cute for them," Nicole A. Person            | "Seniors shouldn't have to take them," Luke Ingalls        |
| "I'm too good looking for them," Megan Heiderscheidt | "I'm too bootlicious," JoHanna De-gen                      |
| "I'm too awesome," Lyndsey Fowler                    | "They are boring," Clarissa Laubenthal                     |
| "I'm too tall for them," Blake Mills                 | "I'm too A.D.D.," Heidi Behnkendorf                        |
| "I'm too good for them," Whitney Harms               | "I'm too manly," Jake Parsons                              |
| "Not fun," Maddie Gisch                              | "They are okay," Royce Boleneus                            |

## Half way done!

Megan Simonson

November 18th was midterm and grades were due that Friday, the 20th. New study hall and commons lists were made on November 24th. You get on the regular study hall lists by having Ds and Fs, getting kicked out of class, and/or skipping classes.

Semester tests will start on Friday, December 18th. The first test will be first period, starting at 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM, the second test will be 10:15 AM to 11:45 AM, and then third period will be 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Monday, December 21st, will be the second day of testing, which will be fourth and fifth period together, then will be sixth period from, and then, in the afternoon, seventh period. The last day of testing will be Tuesday, December 22nd, and the will be the same times as the other days. On the Tuesday of testing, eighth period will be first, 9 period will be second, and the last block is left open

for anyone who missed a test or for anyone who needs to make up a detention that hasn't done so before then. Semester tests count as 20% of your overall grade. The semester will end Friday, January 15th.

There won't be regular lunch served during these three days, but if you want a lunch, you can preorder one in the office before tests. You can start signing up in the office December 7th for your lunch. There will be an hour and a half lunch break everyday for people to go eat.

You must pay all fines in full before you are allowed to take your semester tests. You can pay for these in the high school office. The list of fines will be available December 10th and 11th. Seniors can start paying fines December 14th, juniors December 15th, and freshmen and sophomores the 17th. This is to help break up the rush in the office.

## ACT testing December 12th

Audrey Schuttler

The ACT test will take place on Saturday, December 12, at Algona High. Those students who choose to take it are from any area school. Students from North Kossuth, Corwith-Wesley-Luverne, West Bend, and Titonka will be taking the test at Algona High. About 47 students from the surrounding schools plan to take the December ACT.

You can still sign up for the ACT on December 12th, but there will be an extra fee for being late. The school counselor, Julie Stein, says that seniors who are re-testing for a better score and juniors who can't fit the oth-

er test dates in their schedule should take the ACT at this time.

The American College Testing Program, ACT, is a nonprofit organization that offers research, information, and assessment in education and the work force. It helps students make good decisions about what colleges to go to and what to study. It provides information for colleges in the admitting process and helps students be successful.

If you are interested in taking the tests in February, April, or June, you can register online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

## Tests or projects?

Allison Kajewski

Picture this, snow is falling, it's three days before Christmas break and no one wants to be at school any longer, but everyone has to take semester finals. Would students rather take a test or do a project? Would teachers rather give a test or have the students do a project? On November 23, 2009, 61 students and 22 teachers were polled.

A whopping 66% of students said a project is what they would prefer to do for a final. When asked, most said it was because they felt less stressed than having to remember everything from the beginning of the year. And then, on top of that, they had to figure out the more important information from everything

they have learned. Whereas with a project, they have resources they can use, and they can sometimes use class time, taking the stress level way down.

For teachers, it was fifty-fifty. They all said they would rather grade a test because it is a lot quicker and takes less of their time to do. But they like doing projects because it allows them to see how well the students can connect what they have learned to a project. In other words, how else can they interpret what they have been taught. Mr. Fogarty said, "I think tests are very beneficial for students, so that way when they go to college, they won't be hit out of the dark on how to study for finals."

## FFA news

Derrick Johnson

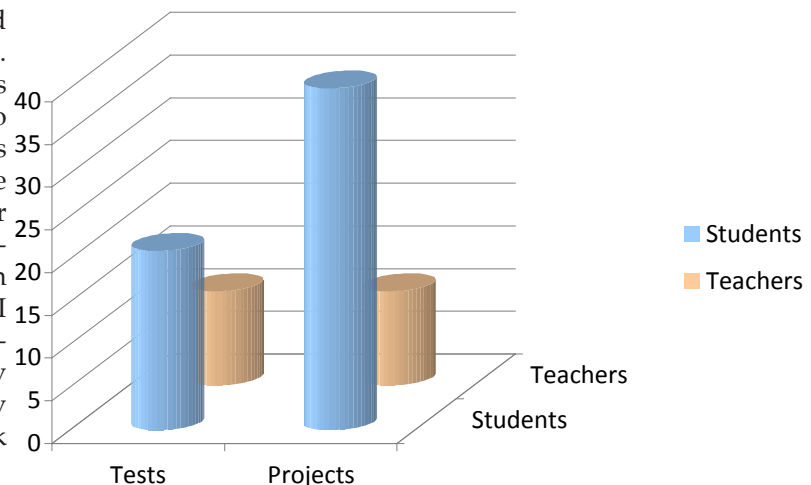
There are a few upcoming events in the FFA Chapter. The fruit, cheese, and sausage food will come in on December 9. Then, sometime in December, the FFA Chapter will be having a Christmas party after the FFA meeting, but the date is still pending.

This year was a successful year for the fruit, cheese, and sausage sales. The FFA raised 21,033 dollars of sales this year, which was more than last year. There was a lot of food sold this year. Freshman, Brandy Goodman sold over 1800 dollars of food. Very few others even came close to selling that much.

The Exploring Agriculture class, which is a freshmen class, was leading in the sales of fruit, cheese, and sausage, averaging 501.77 dollars per person, which is very good, especial-

ly since the freshmen class is the biggest of the Ag classes. So they contributed greatly to the total sales. Then, in second place, selling 332.53 dollars a person, is the Agricultural Science class, which is a junior class. In third place was the sophomore class, Natural Resources, who sold 231.52 dollars per person. Finally, in last place is the Agricultural Business class that is made up of seniors and a couple juniors. They sold 185 dollars per person. The class who sold the most will get to have a KFC party.

So this was a good year for the FFA's sales of fruit, cheese, and sausage. All the left over food will be sent to the food pantry for the less fortunate families. Bradie Becker says, "This was a good year for the fruit, cheese, and sausage sales."



## Notre Dame fires New recreation head coach vehicles

Triston Dacken

Ryann Pearson

The Fighting Irish head coach, Charlie Weis, was fired this week and will leave after a five year, 35-27 record. The athletic director at the school, Jack Swarbrick, made this decision after the Irish finished their season at 6-6, with four straight losses to Navy, Pittsburgh, Connecticut, and Stanford.

This past week in their loss to Stanford, Weis refused to do halftime and postgame media interviews, which are not required but are expected. Also, he reportedly cleaned out his office

Thursday before they left for the west coast. Cody Fortune said, "I bet they miss Brady Quinn. He would have helped avoid the whole 6-6 thing."

The team's committee was to meet Monday afternoon to vote on whether or not they would accept a bowl bid if offered one. If they do take it, it is unlikely that Weis will coach. Weis has told friends that he has at least 6 offers from NFL teams to be their offensive coordinator, so he is down but not necessarily out.

How many of you out there own a 4wheeler or a dirt bike? The new 2010 models are about ready to come out. They are a little different than the 2009 models.

The TRX 700 has 10 more cc's than last year. Last year it had 665 and this year it has 675. It will now top out at 80 miles an hour. One of these will cost you about 8,500 dollars.

The dirt bikes pretty much stayed the same, not too much changed on them other than a little more power from last year.

The new Rincons have the independent

suspension in front, so it will be a smoother ride when you are on the trails. The Rincons are fuel injected now and have a four-stroke engine.

The new dirt bikes have a little more power than last year. They will now go about 10 miles an hour faster. The ground clearance is now 13.1 inches instead of 12.6 inches like last year's models.

People are very excited for the new models to come out. Austin Warmbier said, "I can't wait till the new TRXs come out. I want one so bad."

## Adopt-A-Family

Kelsie Varvel

Make this Christmas a joyful one by adopting a family! The Adopt-A-Family (AAF) program matches impoverished families with individual or group sponsors to provide for their tangible needs at Christmas. When an adoption is made, the family information and wish lists are sent to the sponsor. The Salvation Army ensures that the family receives the gifts and food during the week before Christmas.

The gift list may include toys, clothing, household items, utilities, or purchase wood or heating oil. Sponsors are asked to provide two or more new gifts for each member of the household and to provide food for the family for four to seven days. Many sponsors find the experience so fulfilling that they participate in the program year af-

ter year.

The Salvation Army requests that sponsors provide at least two gifts per family member. Giving gift cards and providing Christmas stockings is another way you can make the holiday special for your adopted family. Sponsors, in addition to the requested gifts, often give more, such as rent money, heating oil, and appliances for their adopted family. Without the benefit of adoption, these families would be looking at a very gloomy holiday.

To adopt a family, contact the Salvation Army office nearest you. In Iowa, there are Salvation Army offices in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Marshalltown, and Newton. To apply, contact your local Corps office, or go to: [www.thesalarmy.com/adoptafamily.htm](http://www.thesalarmy.com/adoptafamily.htm)

## Oprah leaving CBS

Bradie Becker

Last week, Oprah told the world she will be leaving her show called *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. Her contract will be ending in September of 2011. They will be ending the show that has been going for the last twenty-five years. The ratings have been rapidly going down for the last six years and it was agreed not to renew her contract. It seems people are losing interest in Oprah.

Oprah said she is

upset she will be leaving CBS. However, she recently bought her own cable network where she will be starting her own show.

The network will be starting in November of 2011. It will be 24 hours of Oprah, five days a week. She will be staying in Chicago even though she is being removed from her position of twenty-five years.

Her new network is called "OWN," The Oprah Winfrey Network.

## Ice and snow. Take it slow.

Jessica Kuhlmann

Last week, a second snow shower of the season visited us. On Wednesday, November 25, 2009, in the morning, we started to see snow. There was also a decent amount of snow yesterday, December 3rd. Last year at this time we also had plenty of snow.

Along with snow comes high winds, sleet, and ice. With that, we need to start taking caution when we drive. When driving in the rain and snowstorms, you can be faced with bad situations. You really need to think about driving and only driving because at times like these, many things could happen. You should be thinking about driving all the time, but when roads are slick, you're more likely to get into an accident.

Even before winter, you should have things ready for your vehicle like an ice scraper, broom, shovel, flashlight, and an old towel. These items are there to save your life if you are ever stranded in the cold.

Tips for driving in the winter are making sure your brakes, windshield wipers, defroster, heater, and exhaust system are in top condition. Check your antifreeze levels and be ready for colder temperatures. Sometimes you may have to add special solvent to your windshield washer reservoir to prevent ice from forming. Make sure your tires are ready, as in being properly

inflated and make sure your tread is good. Before driving farther places, you may want to pack some food and water, clothes, and maybe a blanket just in case something happens, that way you won't starve or freeze. Always listen to the radio on road conditions because you won't want to drive on the road that is not suggested to drive on, and drive on roads that are more traveled on so someone may see you if something happens to your car. One important thing to have is your cell phone because then you have something to use if you get into an accident or if you go into the ditch. Always make sure your phone is fully charged. The most important thing to have when in a situation like this is a tank of gas. Never have your gas half empty during the winter so you can keep your car on if you go into the ditch and you are stranded there and you will keep warm until help arrives. Ryann Pearson says, "It's a cold, cold world out there, drive safe and have a 4 wheel drive pickup."

So when that next storm approaches, make sure you have all the necessities that you need just in case you get into a situation that may put your life in danger. Having these will help you survive and get help to you faster. Just be smart when you're driving in winter weather.

## Do you have the time?

Natalie Hackbarth

In today's hectic world, one of the common issues among high school students is stress. Limited time along with many activities prevents students from completing homework to their best ability. Athletics, extra-curricular activities, work, and personal hobbies can easily have a negative effect on a student's schoolwork.

Practices, games, and work schedules take time out of a day that could have been spent studying or doing homework. In addition, tournaments, more specifically State tournaments, require absence from school, which can lead to poor grades. Twelve out of the

17 varsity volleyball players agreed that their schoolwork is directly affected by their commitment to athletics. The other five feel that they manage their time pretty well and their schoolwork has not been affected.

Maintaining good grades, being a committed athlete, staying involved in extra curricular activities, or holding a job while in high school can be difficult for a high school student. That's why it's important for teenagers to develop time management skills. By prioritizing activities and practicing time management, teenagers can reduce the stress that inevitably gets placed upon them.

## Research farm

Ean Weber

This year, juniors Ean Weber and Karl Nicolaus harvested the FFA research farm. The FFA has 22 acres of farmland east of the Hobarton Feed Mill. This year the farm was planted with soybeans and Karl used his combine and Ean pulled a wagon with his pickup to haul the soybeans to Max Yield Cooperative in Algona. The Ag Business class will be in charge of selling the soybeans at the highest price possible.

Karl and Ean did population tests with different varieties of soybeans. Different population means that there are different amounts of soybeans per foot planted. Some of the soybeans were also treated with insecticides to see if there would be less

bugs eating on the plants for a higher yield.

The FFA plans on putting on liquid hog manure for higher yields for the corn they plan on planting in the spring. In the spring, they also plan on doing the population changes with the corn being planted. To change population, you switch the chains to different gears on the planter so that it drops a different number of seeds in the ground because it is ground driven.

The FFA does these studies every year because they would like to learn the most efficient way and the way to get the best yields.



## Bulldog domination

Jeni Zeller

The Algona girls and boys basketball teams showed everyone their talents on Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The night started with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls scrimmaging on one side of the court and the boys on the other. Then the 8<sup>th</sup> graders took over, followed by the freshmen teams. Then the JV teams introduced themselves and scrimmaged. Following the JV players were the Varsity boys and girls.

On Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, the Algona girls' basketball teams hosted the Clear Lake Lions in the first game of the year. The JV girls started their match at 6:15 p.m. The JV girls had a great first win of the season, winning 41 to 30. Following the JV game was the Varsity game, which started at 7:45. The Varsity girls started the game out leading at half time 56 to 24 and went on to win the

game 90 to 40. Kirsten Lipps led the team in scoring with 25 points. Katelyn Seely had 17, followed by Natalie Hackbarth and Laura TerHark with 15 and 14 points. Katelyn Seely led the team in rebounds with 9. Brittany Vaske had 7 followed by Kirsten Lipps with 6. This game was a Conference game and the Varsity is now 1-0 in the Conference. Audrey Schuttler said, "It was a good first win and we had a lot of fun playing."

The boys started their season out by traveling to Charles City on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The JV team played first, starting at 6:30 p.m. The JV played a tough game but came out with the 42 to 28 victory. Then the Varsity came on the floor and played their game. The boys suffered a tough loss, losing 75 to 50. Statistician Jeff Burnett said,

"We played hard but didn't come out with a victory." Brady Collison led the team with 15 points. Michael McMahon had 9 and Ryan McMahon had 5 points.

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, the girls and boys hosted their first doubleheader. St. Edmonds traveled here for the JV games starting at 4:30. The girls had a close loss, losing 32-31. The JV boys brought home a victory, winning 32-30. The Varsity girls followed, starting at 6:15. The girls came out with a close victory, winning 69 to 59. Natalie Hackbarth led the team with 31 points. Kirsten Lipps had 13 and Katelyn Seely had 10. Hackbarth also led the team in rebounds with 9. Emillie Kenne had 5 and Katelyn Seely had 4. The girls now improve to 2-0 overall and 2-0 in the NCC. The boys had a tough game to follow, playing the Gaels

at 7:45. The boys suffered a tough loss. The Gaels won the game 47 to 39 in overtime. Travis Lenz made a 3 pointer with 2 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 39 and send it into overtime. Ryan McMahon led the Bulldogs with 15 points. Brady Collison had 10 and Nyle Larson had 5 points. The boys fall to 0-2 overall and 0-1 in the NCC. Connor McGuire said, "The game was very exciting."

Friday night, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the girls and boys teams travel to Eagle Grove to play the Eagles. The matchups start at 3:45 with the JV girls. The JV boys follow at 4:30. The Varsity girls will then take the floor at 6:15 with the Varsity boys following them at 7:45. Good luck to all players!

## On to State!!

Alynnia Freeburg

The AHS Drill Team girls have been hard at work, preparing for their State competition today, December 4<sup>th</sup>, in Des Moines. Practice officially started October 1<sup>st</sup> and they have been busy ever since. They are taking a jazz routine and a high-kick routine to State.

The girls attended a dance critique clinic in Ames on November 14<sup>th</sup> where they had a chance to show their routines to a panel of judges. The judges critiqued the routines and gave very helpful advice in addition to recording the performances and giving the girls the op-

portunity to watch them. Coach Ellie Larsen said, "I think we got a lot out of the critique and now know what we have to do to make our routines even better." Later that night they performed in front of an audience.

The weeks after that consisted of changing and improving both routines. They started two-a-days on November 16<sup>th</sup> and even had practice the night they left for Des Moines. They are doing their jazz routine to the song "Diamond Dogs" and their kick routine is to "Diamond's are a Girl's Best Friend." All the girls will be

wearing Marilyn Monroe style wigs during the kick performance.

Their first performance is at 1:00 p.m. at Hy-Vee Hall. They will be performing their jazz routine there. They don't perform again until 8:13 p.m. in Vets Auditorium with their kick routine. They are third to last for kick, which means they will be performing in front of a packed auditorium. Awards are at 9:00 that night. They know their competition is tough, but they still hope to bring home some trophies. Good luck girls!!

# Shop till you drop

Hannah Kadow

Black Friday has passed for another year. Shoppers went crazy on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. That was the day after Thanksgiving and malls and other stores had big sales going on. Several malls opened at midnight and many, many people headed to get their early Christmas shopping done.

Black Friday is always the Friday after Thanksgiving. It's the biggest shopping day of the year. People want to get the sales before items go back up to a higher price. Many people spend the day planning their plan of attack to save the most money.

While people get their needs met, so do the stores. They hope that Black Friday will take them from the red to the black profit zone.

Here are some tips for shopping on Black Fridays: 1) Check out the ads. The local paper will be packed with coupons. This is the number one source to local Black Friday savings. It will also help organize your day to maximize savings. You will get many discounts that stores offer that are time specific. 2) Do your research before Black Friday. No one wants a bad product, even if it is cheap. So do research to gain knowledge to see what kinds of products are the better ones so you don't get sucked into buying a cheap product that is no good. 3) Compare prices. Look at many different stores' prices to buy the things you want. Also, see if the low priced product comes with all the

parts needed. You don't want to buy a product that is cheap and not get all the parts. 4) Look for early bird shopper discounts. This is the big winner on Black Friday. Many stores have the biggest sales from around 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. If you don't get there within the time, you're out of luck and they don't give rain checks. So route your trip to get your top priorities. 5) Beat the crowds with night owl discounts on Thanksgiving. Most retailers will post their specials on their website and Internet shoppers can beat the early birds and pick them up at their local store.

6) Bring the ads. Many stores put ads online and if you bring those ads to the store they will give you additional discount for bringing ads you printed off. So don't forget the ads on Black Friday. 7) Know the store policies. Knowing the store policies can help determine where you want to buy. Some stores have restocking fees and shorter return deadlines. 8) Ask for gift receipts. Usually gift receipts include a description of the item bought but don't include the price of the item. Including these will help make returning items easier. If they need to return items, they need to bring these so they can return it. If not, it's hard to return something and they may be denied the return.

These are some tips to make shopping easier on the biggest shopping day of the year. Senior, Molly Cook said, "The sales were outrageous."

# 2012 movie review

Cody King

2012 is the latest disaster movie to hit theaters. It's about the year 2012, and what some people say will happen. The film stars John Cusack, Oliver Platt, Danny Glover, and Woodie Harrelson. It is rated PG-13.

In the movie, the earth's core begins to heat up very rapidly, causing the earth's crust to shift. The movie follows the lives of a small family and their attempts to live through the destruction.

People of the world are basically left defenseless, as there is no way to stop

these things from happening. There is one last hope; however, it will cost you a billion dollars. The important people of the world are offered tickets to a ship, which will outlast the tsunami and the giant flood.

2012 is a little long as it runs about 2 hours and 30 minutes, but the special effects are amazing. You see earthquakes tear the city of Los Angeles apart, the volcano in Yellowstone National Park erupt, and mega tsunamis devastate the globe. It deserves 4 out of 5 stars.

# Transferring

Rashell Folkerts

Families facing issues such as divorce and custody, other family hardships, transferring jobs, or other problems may make students have to transfer schools. It can be a very difficult situation when that happens in someone's life. Having to switch schools can be stressful and can be very hard to adjust to.

Being a transfer student at Algona High can be very exciting. There are many programs here that are not offered at smaller schools, such as the computer classes because smaller schools may not have the funding. Smaller schools don't have the art programs that are offered at AHS. Also the construction and auto may not be offered in smaller schools because the resources may not be available.

Many of the students at AHS are very friend-

ly. AHS offers a student to show the new transfer student around the school so it is less stressful and they can be more understanding.

Some tips for transfer students are to get involved. Even though you are the new student, your ideas are just important as other student's. Be social. People won't get to know you if you're quiet and shy. Ask questions. Knowing things is better than being lost and not knowing what is going on.

Some tips for students helping transfer students adjust are get to know them. Ask them questions. Talk to them to make them feel comfortable. And maybe show them around the school.

## Child development OSHA

### observing children

Molly Cook

On Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, the Child Development class went to various childcare providers to help out and observe the children. The class went to observe the children and to see their different reactions in different situations. The class used what they observed to help fill out their assignment packets for the unit they were working on in class. They were studying behavior and interaction of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Some of the places the students went to were the YMCA, Little Lambs Preschool, Ashley Murphy's daycare and Jill Zirbel's

daycare. Another place was the Algona Bullpup Preschool. Hannah Kadow went to help Sara Curtis at the 3-year-old Bullpup Preschool along with other students. She helped Sara with various activities. Along with playing with the children, she helped the children do crafts and got them ready for their Thanksgiving meal. "The kids are really cute," Hannah Kadow said when asked about the experience. Students had the option of going one full day or going two half days. "I'd love to go back again," Kelsie Varvel said.

Travis Stone

On Monday, November 21st, and Tuesday, November 22nd, the automotive and construction classes took an OSHA, 10-hour course.

OSHA stands for Occupational Safety and Health Administration. This course is not required, but it gives people a better reference in the automotive or construction industries. OSHA is in charge of making sure all of the worksites and work industries are safe.

This course contained two categories, which were general industry and construction. General industry is for all of the industries except construction, which was taught in the auto room at Algona High School.

The general industry category taught the students about all the fines they could be charged with, such as a torn cord, a repaired tool

without the right part, or a mechanic's light in an unprotected area. But the automotive industry doesn't have to worry as much about being checked by OSHA because they're more concerned with the construction industries.

The construction industry was taught about being more careful and learning all the safety precautions and training all of the employees how to use their equipment safely. Some of the things OSHA checks for are the safety harnesses and that everyone is using them. They also check for proper ladders and check all of the indoor and outdoor outlets for the proper use, and they check or exposed wires. Also, the construction group has to be careful because they will be checked by OSHA pretty frequently. Cody King, with a thumbs up, says, "OSHA training was fun."

## Who's your favorite teacher?

Chelsea Korf

In Algona High School, there are a lot of different teachers who students have. Some are viewed more favorably than others. A survey was conducted to find out what teachers are the best and what teachers are good people, just typically not viewed as a "favorite".

This poll had 56 people from the ages of 15-18 years old answering one question, who is your favorite teacher at Algona High.

Some people describe a good teacher as being nice, easy to talk to about the subject they're teaching, and showing a general in-

terest in the students. Jessica Kuhlmann says, "The teacher should know what they're talking about and be prepared to explain."

After giving this survey, the favorite teacher came out to be Mr. Fogarty, with a total of 11 votes.

Overall AHS has a lot of great teachers. Who is your favorite teacher?

## Wrestling underway

Adam Reimers

The wrestling season started on November 16th with practice. The team had a wrestle off on Saturday to see who would be wrestling on varsity.

There are a lot of different moves in wrestling and how to get points. You can get a takedown, which is worth two points. Then you can get the best one, which is a pin. That is worth the whole match; if you pin someone, you win the match. When you get an escape, that is one

point.

The wrestling head coach is Brian Morgan and the assistant coaches are Nick Kuecker, Jay Bjustrom, and Tom Isaacson. "I'm looking forward to a successful season," said Jake Anderson.

There are a total of seven meets throughout the year plus all the tournaments they are in. Their first meet is on December 3rd and it is at home against Iowa Falls-Alden.



## News

## Tiger Woods dead? (Don't) Kick a

Grayson McElroy

Rumors were flying on November 27, 2009, about Tiger Woods. The word was that he was dead or in serious condition at the Health Central Hospital in Ocoee, Florida. Brandon Aument claims, "This was no accident."

At 2:30 a.m. on Friday morning, the millionaire golfer was pulling out of his driveway when his SUV smashed into a fire hydrant at the edge of his property and scratched against a tree. Woods' wife, Elin Nordegren Woods, pulled her husband's body out of the SUV. Tiger was apparently unconscious and bleeding from the mouth.

Woods was rushed to the hospital with what

## Undeclared!

Cody Fortune

In the NFL, there are two teams that are undefeated. They are the Indianapolis Colts and the New Orleans Saints. The Minnesota Vikings are 10-1, with their only loss coming from the Pittsburgh Steelers. They lost 27-17.

Monday night, the Saints played the New England Patriots and the Saints won 38-17. In the game, Drew Brees completed 18 out of 23 passes for 371 yards and five touchdowns. Marques Colston caught the ball four times for 121 yards and scored one touchdown, and Devery Henderson caught the ball three times for 116 yards and scored one touchdown. Tom Brady completed 21 out of 36 passes for

neighbors referred to as "serious injuries." He was treated for facial lacerations and later released. Tiger is currently recovering in his Florida mansion.

Police claim that alcohol was not involved in the accident. Woods and his wife have been avoiding police questioning for the last few days Tiger came out with his statement saying that the accident was his fault and that he is still pretty sore from his injuries. He went on to say that all rumors circulating around are false and irresponsible. He also asked for privacy on the matter, but for now he says he is okay.

237 yards with no touchdowns, but it wasn't enough for the win.

Last week the Indianapolis Colts played the Houston Texans and won 35-27. During the game, Peyton Manning completed 27 of 35 passes for a total of 244 yards and three touchdowns. Joseph Addai carried the ball 15 times for 69 yards with a 4.6-yard average. Dallas Clark caught the ball nine times for 63 yards and scored one touchdown. After the game, the Colts remain at 11-0 on the season. On Sunday the Colts will play against the Tennessee Titans in Indianapolis. The Titans are 5-6 this season.

The Minnesota Vikings played the Chicago

## Ginger day

Hanna Harmon

Police in Calabasas, California, say that there were at least five attacks on "ginger" students last week because a Facebook group announced that it was "Kick a Ginger Day." The group was apparently inspired by an episode of *South Park* that pokes fun at racism by describing discrimination against people with red hair, pale skin, and freckles by saying they have no souls and suffer from "gingervitis," a pun on the gum disease gingivitis.

Most of the victims were more confused than hurt, however. A 12-year-old boy was attacked by more than a dozen of his

middle school classmates on Friday. He went to get help from the school nurse, and school officials called the police shortly after. A 12-year-old girl at the same school reported being kicked in the back of the legs after being asked if she'd been kicked yet.

Three arrests were made: two twelve-year-olds were arrested on misdemeanor suspicion of battery and a 13-year-old was arrested for misdemeanor cyberbullying, all later released to their parents. There were no serious injuries, authorities said last Sunday.

Bears on Sunday and won 36-10. In the game, Brett Favre completed 32 out of 48 passes for a total of 392 yards and three touchdowns. Adrian Peterson carried the ball 25 times for 85 yards and one touchdown. Percy Harvin caught the ball six times for 101 yards and scored one touchdown. The Vikings are 10-1 this season and next week they will play the Arizona Cardinals in Arizona. The Cardinals are 7-4 this season so it should be a good game.

This year's Super Bowl XLIV will be held in South Florida, at Dolphin Stadium. The Bowl will take place on Sunday, February 6, 2011. Performing at the halftime show this year will

be the rock band The Who. Alynna Freeburg says, "I can't wait for all the commercials!!"